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Rome, September 20. *N. S.*

THE French employ all their Interest at this Court in Solliciting the Pope to favour the Prince of *Conty's* pretention to the Crown of *Poland*, and to send Directions to his Nuncio there, for this purpose; The Saxon Minister continues the like Endeavours on behalf of his Master but hitherto neither side has been able to prevail with the Pope to depart from his resolution of remaining Neuter, till he sees the issue of the present dispute in that Kingdom. The Pope continues his design of making *Civita Vecchia* a free Port, and sent lately to see what forwardness the publick Buildings there are in, and to hasten the finishing of them. The General of the Pope's Galleys in the *Levant* gives an account by his Letters dated the 18th of *August*, that they had joyned the Venetian Fleet in the Port of *Andros*, and that the Captain-General intended to go to Sea again in few days, and to take his Course towards the *Archipelago*.

Genoa, Sep. 22. Several Vessels are arrived here this Week from *Toulon*, who give an account that the French have disarmed the Men of War that lately returned from *Barcelona* under the Command of the Count *d'Estree*; And that several other Frigats were gone out, for the security of their Commerce. A small Spanish Privateer fitted at *Naples* took some days ago 2 French Ships on the Coast of *Provence*, one of them being bound home from *Alexandria*.

Leghorne, Sep. 23. On the 19th Instant arrived here the *Panther*, Cap. *Fuller*, with his Prize the St. *Andrew* from *Cagliari*. Yesterday came in the *Ann*-Galley, Cap. *Cremer* from *England*; And the *Prince George*, *Aylmer*, and *Chiesly* Galleys Sailed hence the same day, being bound home. The *Mary* a Dutch Ship, is arrived in this Port from *Archangell*; And 2 French Men of War went out this Week, with 8 Merchant-men designed for several Ports.

Milan, Sep. 25. Our Governor the Marquis *de Leganez* having obtained leave to return to *Spain*, he intended to have begun his Journey thither before Winter, but has since changed that resolution, and deferred it till the Spring. Some Persons who were concerned in an Assassination committed upon the Person of Don *Emanuell de la Borda*, having by order of the Magistrates of this City been taken out of the Church, whither they fled, Cardinal *Cuccia* Archbishop of *Milan*, has made great Complaints of this Breach of the Ecclesiastical Immunities, and threatens to proceed to an Excommunication against them; which hitherto they take no notice of, but go on with the Process against the Criminals. We are told by the last Letters from *Turin*, that the Duke of *Savoy* was going to view the Garison of *Montmelian* and other places in the Dutchy of *Savoy*, which he intends to fortify.

Venice, Sept. 28. By a Vessel arrived here from *Constantinople*, we are informed, That there has been publick Rejoycing for the advantage the Turks pretend to have had over the Venetians in the late Engagement at Sea, which seems to have been done more to amuse and please the People; then for any real cause there was for it; for without the loss of one of our Gallies, which happened to be seperated from the rest by the weather, and so fell into the Enemies Hands, the Damage the Venetians sustained in this Action would have been inconsiderable; And on the other side, the Advices since come from *Smirna*, and other places, do all say, that the Turkish Ships were very much shattered; that they had lost a great many men, and among others, their Vice Admiral, who Commanded the Fleet under the Captain Bassa *Mezzomorto*; and that they were returned to *Scio* to refit. In the *Morea* there has passed nothing of moment all this Summer; The Turks are not in a condition to attempt any thing on that side; and the Business of the Venetians is only to maintain their Conquest, and secure the Country against any Incursions, which they have effectually done by the new Forts they have built at the Isthmus of *Corinth*; They are likewise very quiet in *Dalmatia*, there being no considerable Body of Troops in the Field on either side; But the Morlaques, according to their Custom, make often Excursions, to get Plunder. The new Captain General *Cornaro* prepares for his departure to the *Levant*; Two new Men of War are fitting here of about 60 Guns each, which are designed to go with him, with several Vessels laden with Provisions, Ammunition, and other Necessaries for the Fleet and Army.

Vienna, Sept. 28. The last Advices from *Moscovy* brought the Confirmation of the Defeat of the Turks and Tattars near *Asop*, where they lost above 15000 men, and of a second Victory obtained by the Moscovites near a place called *Vesia*, with a slaughter of several thousands of the Ene-

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